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SHINY NEW THEATRE IS REVEALED

SCAFFOLDING should start coming off the new Marlowe Theatre within the next two months as the eye-catching building is finally revealed.

Passers-by can now see the gleaming cladding at the top of the building and the sign, which shows the theatre's name.

Kate Greenaway, the council's senior project manager, said: "Everything is going really well on site."

"We have got a year left of construction work and the contractors will

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

hand the building over to us in August, which is when the council does the final fit-out works before we open to the public at the end of September next year.

The majority of the steel work is complete now and the contractor is currently focused on cladding out the external facade, which is the shining material you can see now at the front.

"They have also put in all the walls

and floors for each level, so you can really tell now what space we are going to get and what each room will deliver for us. It is a very good stage of the project.

"We are hoping the building will be watertight in September and the majority of work will then move inside, like fitting out the auditorium with all the seats, internal cladding and fitting out the second space and bar areas."

"I think everyone will be really impressed by what they see. It is going to be really high quality inside as well as outside."

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A crane towers over the new Marlowe Theatre as the scaffolding starts to come off, revealing the shiny exterior of the new building



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Sex crimes at five-year high, figures reveal

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

LEVELS of recorded sexual offences in Canterbury are heading for a five-year high, according to police figures obtained by this newspaper.

There have been 12 rapes of women in the Canterbury district in the last four months, compared with 21 in the previous 12 months.

The last four months has also seen an increase in sexual assaults on men. There have been six in the last four months, but there was only one in the previous year.

In the last five years there have been no more than six sexual assaults reported on men in any one year.

And the trend for increased rates of reported sexual assaults continues for women, with 22 recorded since April. This compares with 36 during the previous 12 months.

On a positive note, reported sexual activity involving children is far below last year's levels.

Debbie Laphorn, counsellor and co-ordinator at the East Kent Rape Line, said there was not usually a link between the time of the year and calls to the helpline.

These figures were released just as the East Kent Rape Line was told its application for lottery funding had been refused.

Last week Yourcanterbury reported the line had failed to get £70,000 in government funding it had applied for as twice the number of charities had been shortlisted than in previous years.

And last week the charity also found it had been turned down for four years of lottery funding worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The rape line is now surviving until the end of the year on £7,000 donated by Canterbury council, rather than the £70,000 it usually spends a year on rent, counsellors, school visits and travel expenses for volunteers.

Contact the East Kent Rape Line call 01227 451 753 or write to PO BOX 353 Canterbury, CT2 9WA.



IDENTITY: The erection of the name sign is a milestone for the new Marlowe Theatre

Theatre set to be on time and on budget

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"Having the name on the theatre now gives it an identity, but at the same time it is really all about what happens inside."

Colin Overall, ISG Jackson project manager, said: "We are going to continue finishing the external facades and putting windows in.

"Inside we are now putting in the main duct work for the heating and cooling, lighting rigs at high level in the auditorium and also fitting the terracing for the main auditorium where the seats will eventually be in the stalls, circle and upper circle.

"Over the next month the mesh will go on the outside of the tower.

We are starting the rendering to the outside, which is the white finish, and this will be installed over the next month or so as well. After the next eight weeks or so the scaffolding will start coming down."

And according to Ms Greenaway the theatre is on time and on budget. She said: "When the council signed off the project last March and agreed to go ahead with the contractor we had budgeted £25.6 million for the project.

"We haven't cut corners and we haven't cut back on anything. That money was ring-fenced by the council. It is not part of any cost-cutting exercises at all."

Aftershave thief was behind with her rent

BROKE Jane Vinethorpe stole six bottles of aftershave because she could not pay her rent, a court heard.

Vinethorpe, 31, of Whitstable Road, Canterbury, was spotted putting the Hugo Boss aftershave into a black bag at Debenhams in the city centre.

Vinethorpe admitted stealing the goods worth £214.

Debbie Pizsey, defending, said she had been without benefits for 13 weeks and was worried she might be thrown on to the streets.

She said: "She was under pressure because she had not paid her rent. She was going to sell the items to pay her bills and buy food."

The case was adjourned until September 16 for probation reports.

Undergrads take a business idea to USA

STUDENTS from the University of Kent will be battling their counterparts from around the world in an attempt to win \$25,000.

Sinan Assaf and Ben Giambrone will represent their university in a Dragon's Den style challenge next month. The Global Student Business Concept Challenge is designed to show how students can help the global economy.

The pair will travel to Virginia in America to present their idea to judges against students from around the world. The duo qualified by winning the university's business concept competition in June.

Carole Barron, director of innovation and enterprise at Kent, said: "Sinan and Ben will certainly do us proud. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for them."

Earlier this year the Kent students were part of the university's team which won the Prince's Trust University Million Makers Challenge in which they had to make as much money as possible for charity.

Housing department merger approved

TENANTS and leaseholders have given their consent to Canterbury council to form a joint council housing department with three other districts.

More than 18,000 affected people were consulted in Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet, with almost 10,000 responses.

Two thirds of respondents supported the idea of a shared service, although 15 per cent were opposed to actual plans.

Councils hope the 'arm's length management organisation' will save £1.5 million in the next few years by merging their administration departments together and allowing them to win bigger repair contracts. Savings would be re-invested.

The proposals will be brought before the full council on Thursday, September 30.

Hedgerow destroyed by camp rubbish fire

WOULD-BE campers burning rubbish set fire to more than 20 square metres of hedgerow in Whitstable.

Fire engines were called to the makeshift campsite on the edge of Seaview caravan and chalet park on St John's Road in Whitstable at 12.52pm on Wednesday, August 25.

Crews used hose reels to tackle the blaze, which took three quarters of an hour to put out.

Cigarette display ban 'will boost smuggling'

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

A WHITSTABLE shopkeeper is leading opposition to more Government restrictions on cigarette sales, saying it will increase smuggling.

However supporters of the proposal to ban the display of tobacco products in shops claim it would lead to fewer young people smoking.

New measures wouldn't affect the sale of cigarettes but would see cigarette and paraphernalia stored out of sight of customers.

Debbie Corris, owner of Jim Ingram's newsagent in Whitstable, and South East spokeswoman for the alliance, explained: "Putting tobacco under the counter will make smokers feel like they're doing something illegal when they buy tobacco from a shop."

"Retailers like me ask customers for ID if we think they are under-age, but the criminals who sell smuggled and counterfeit tobacco aren't bothered and will sell tobacco to anyone."

The Tobacco Retailers Alliance surveyed 1,040 of its members and found that 67 per cent believed a display ban would increase black market sales. In addition, 49 per cent of shopkeepers surveyed in the South East knew of counterfeit goods being sold in the area, while 22 per cent knew of smugglers supplying underage smokers in the area.

Suresh Patel, owner of One Spot Enterprise Ltd in Canterbury, said: "If there is a ban I would have to close my shop.

"We don't sell to schoolchildren but we see



Picture: TOBACCO RETAILERS ALLIANCE

BANNED?: Selling cigarettes under the counter would end open display, but will increase smuggling, says the trade

them stand outside the shop asking older people to buy for them. If they don't get them from us, they will get them from someone else.

"I know of shopkeepers who have been caught selling illegal goods."

The Treasury loses about 20 per cent of its tobacco revenue every year to counterfeit and smuggled goods, estimating that 12 per cent of all cigarettes and 48 per cent of rolling tobacco on sale in the UK are illicit.

A 2008 survey published by Cancer Research UK investigated the effects of marketing tobac-

co and found promotions and packet designs clearly influenced adults and youths. The same report found no evidence to suggest removing the displays would increase smuggling.

The previous government agreed to a ban in 2009 but members of the current coalition opposed their plans.

A spokesperson for the Department of Health said: "The Government is developing options around the display of tobacco in shops that will seek to balance public health priorities with reducing burdens on business."

Have your say on town plans

TOWNSPEOPLE will be able to discuss their concerns about the new Herne Bay development at question and answer sessions this week.

Contractors Coplan and Denne, as well as Canterbury council, will be on hand at the half-way point of the scheme's public consultation.

The first session will be at Christ Church, William Street, between 1pm and 8pm today. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, questions will be answered between 10am and 4pm.

Exhibition

An exhibition of the scheme is currently at Christ Church from Mondays to Saturdays between 10am and 4pm. There are copies of the plan at the Herne Bay District Office, the library and online at www.hernebaycentraldevelopment.co.uk

Those affected can respond to the consultation until Sunday, September 26.

Cllr Peter Lee, executive council member for Herne Bay regeneration, said: "We've already received a lot of good feedback from residents and there is still plenty of time to see the plans and to get in touch."

"It is very important we hear what people think of the proposals so we can give Herne Bay the best possible future."

Boats go back to sea with quota extension

WHITSTABLE'S grounded fishermen finally returned to sea as the North Sea sole fishery re-opened for business.

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) at last secured an emergency monthly quota of 250kg of Dover and North Sea sole, after boats under 10 metres had to stop fishing on Sunday, July 4, having used up their yearly allowance.

The fishery re-opened at 00.01am on Thursday, August 26.

Fisheries minister Richard Benyon said: "The re-opening of the North Sea sole fishery is great news. Our negotiations with the Netherlands and Germany mean that we now have additional quota."

Chris Parry, chair of the MMO, said: "Quotas are set annually by the European Council and the MMO has the difficult balancing task of ensuring that stocks are managed throughout the year to maximise the fishing opportunities for the UK industry, whilst ensuring that stocks are not overfished and the UK government and taxpayer do not have to pay steep penalties."

Whitstable's under 10m fishing fleet has seen its quota decrease in the past few years from a tonne to 250kg.



BACK AT WORK?: Fishing boats in Whitstable

Roger Cooper, 63, fished in Whitstable with his boat the Suvere for 38 years and his two sons have now taken over the business.

Roger said: "It's something. It's better than what we had, but it's not really enough; it's the equivalent of about three days work a month and there's still no extension on our skate quota, which we finished at the end of June."

"The fleet lost out in the decommissioning of quotas 20 years ago, and since then we just keep rattling the cages. Most fishermen have had to diversify now into potting or oyster-

Beach bike yob captured on visitors' phones

RECKLESS James Sheppard roared down beaches on his motorbike scattering holidaymakers as he went, a court was told.

Sheppard, 22, hurtled along beaches from Studd Hill, Herne Bay to Seasalter in an hour of madness, but came unstuck when tourists photographed him with their mobile phones.

He was identified when pictures appeared in local papers and on YouTube.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting at Canterbury Magistrates Court, said Sheppard, of Daimler Avenue, Studd Hill, was easily identified because he wasn't wearing a crash helmet.

But a second man who was with him remains unidentified.

During an hour of mayhem Sheppard was first seen at Studd Hill, then logged at Tankerton Beach, Whitstable Harbour and Seasalter.

And when police eventually tracked him down he didn't say anything.

Sheppard pleaded guilty to three charges of riding on a prohibited area and not having a crash helmet.

He said: "I didn't realise it was illegal to ride on the beach. I just jumped on my bike and didn't think."

But Sheppard was dealt a lesson when magistrates fined him a total of £525 and ordered him to pay £85 costs plus £15 victim surcharge.

Chairman of the Bench Valerie Dawes said: "We take a grave view of these offences."

"It must have been obvious to you the way you were riding was a danger to the public. It was intimidating and threatening to other beach users. For one and a half hours you made their lives very unpleasant indeed."

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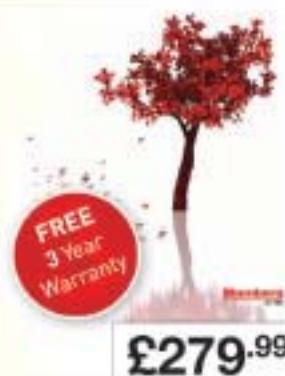
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TEAM EFFORT: Staff and students of the Elham Valley Vineyard's new plant centre at Barham, and below, some of the shrubs they are growing for sale to the public. They will also offer a gardening and landscaping service.

Vineyard staff branch out with garden centre

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

ADULTS with learning disabilities are helping to run a new plant centre in Barham.

Elham Valley Vineyard, a long-standing Fifth Trust charity offering residential and day-care opportunities for adults with learning difficulties and special needs, branched out on Tuesday, August 17 with the opening of a new plant centre, managed and stocked with the help of their students.

Actress Pam Ferris, better known as Ma Larkin from *The Darling Buds of May*, will open the centre on Friday, September 10.

Peter Buscall, horticultural manager, said: "I joined the company last May to kick-start the horticultural department. When I started participation was quite low but now lots of girls have joined and we're nearly full. We run a gardening and landscaping service as well as providing stock for the new shop."

The project started last Christmas and staff and students worked hard to turn a huge double-span poly tunnel into a garden centre.

Peter said: "The project aims to create meaningful employment for the students. As well as setting up the centre and growing shrubs and seasonal plants, students will work learn how to work the till."



Nearly 70 per cent of the plants on sale are grown onsite, and they hope to add more varieties of plants and bedding in time. The centre also sells gardening supplies.

The project cost between £50,000 and £60,000, all of which was raised through donations from parents and grants from charities such as the Nineveh Trust who pledged £19,000.

Every penny raised goes back into the charity to fund activities such as pottery, woodwork and producing their own Elham Valley Wines.

The charity has recently won bids to fund several other projects including a grant from Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Beauty to replace their 20-year-old vines.

Fire crews pump out flooded homes

MORE than 60 houses became flooded in Herne Bay after heavy rainfall on Wednesday afternoon and overnight.

The fire service received about 20 emergency calls and the Herne Bay fire crew spent Thursday pumping out properties in Central Parade and Mortimer Street.

Environment Agency officers helped firemen after 30mm of rain fell in 24 hours.

The town was the worst affected in Kent, although Ramsgate and Ashford also needed emergency help from firemen.

The flooding was caused by surface water and not Plenty Brook, and there are no warnings out for the stretch of river.

Tim Connell, environment agency area operations delivery manager, said: "Because of the severity of the property flooding we decided to deploy staff with pumps to help the response effort."

Kent County Council is responsible for ensuring drains are cleaned and can take surface water away.

Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste Nick Chard said: "Excessive rainfall, such as we have seen in the last 24 hours, can put the existing drainage system under immense pressure. Anyone concerned can contact us on 08458 247 800."

Donations tribute to Tom

GRIEVING friends, family and well-wishers have donated more than £2,000 to the Child Brain Injury Trust following the death of Hernehill teenager Tom Brenchley.

The 16-year-old died in hospital a day after his moped collided with a Volvo on the A299 Thanet Way on Tuesday, July 27. His family invited donations to the charity instead of flowers at the funeral, on Monday, August 9.

Dave Brenchley, Tom's police sergeant father, said: "We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported us following Tom's loss. We have been overwhelmed by their kindness.

"It was of great comfort to see so many people attend the funeral and the generosity given towards the Child Brain Injury Trust has been truly remarkable. Thank you."

Tom would have collected his GCSE results on Tuesday and had been due to start a carpentry apprenticeship this month.

Theft left man homeless

ASHLEY O'Brien, 21, was booted out of his charity home after he threw a brick through a window to grab a £20 note.

He was seen running away from the Porchlight house in Wife of Bath Hill, Canterbury, wearing a yellow hoody.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting at the city's magistrates court said a description of O'Brien was given to police who soon grabbed him.

He told officers he'd put £20 rent money under a locked office door, but needed money urgently to visit his sick mother.

O'Brien admitted burgling the office.

Debbie Pizsey, defending, said O'Brien had tried to borrow from friends and couldn't get a crisis loan. He had now lost his accommodation and was back on the streets.

The case was adjourned until September 16 for probation reports.

Subway murals restored

THE dilapidated and vandalised murals in the subway near Canterbury's Odeon cinema are being restored after years of neglect.

The original artist, Elisa Hudson, will be help with the work in St George's subway once dirt and graffiti has been removed. Work begins to restore the scenes of the city in history on Monday, September 6.

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Speakers from the world of politics included the Guest Speaker the Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. From leading catering and business organisations, speeches were also heard from John Walker, Chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses; Lord Richard Bradford Chairman of the Restaurant Association and The Association of Catering Excellence was represented by Vice Chairman Ruston Toms. Heads of high-profile businesses included Damon Swarbrick, CEO of Kingfisher.

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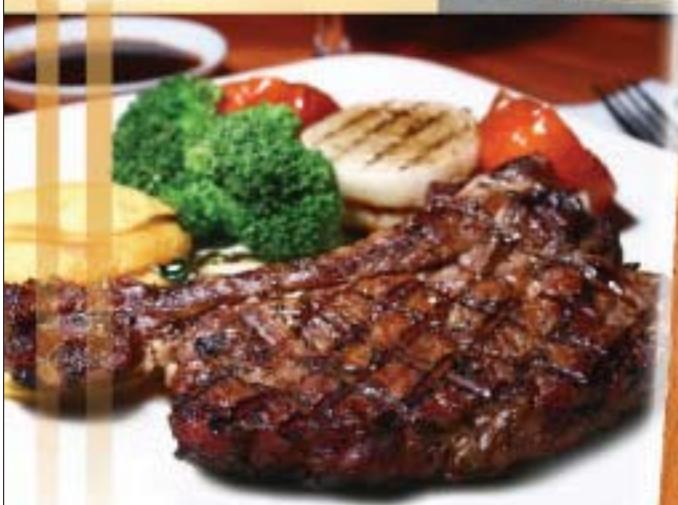


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Owner's plea to find stolen pets

THE distraught family of two stolen pedigree dogs is appealing for help to find them.

Dennis Berwick went to tend to his three valuable Springer Spaniels only to discover that two of them had been stolen from their secure pen in his front garden in Sturry Hill.

Dennis, 61, said: "We all miss the dogs, they were our pets. The grandchildren are particularly upset and we are keen to get them back. "For someone to come into your property and take your pet is a disgrace. If anyone has any information about the theft, please contact the police."

The theft must have occurred at some time

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

between 10.30am and 2.30pm on Wednesday, August 4.

Tess, the eldest of the black and white pair, is an eight-year-old female, while Riv is a six-year-old male. Together, the two dogs are worth about £3,000.

If you saw the theft or have any information that may help, please call the police on 01622 690690 quoting reference EY/012223/10. Alternatively contact Kent CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

• The tragedy of dumped dogs - turn to page 15 for our special feature



PEDIGREE PALS: Springer spaniels Riv and Tess were stolen from a pen in the garden of a house in Sturry Hill

Writer's bleak view of Kentish holiday dismissed

A NEWSPAPER columnist's bleak review of Whitstable has ruffled official feathers.

Lucy Cavendish wrote a scathing review for the Daily Telegraph of her family holiday in Whitstable on Tuesday, August 24, as part of her backlash against holidaying in the UK.

Cavendish wrote: "So here we are in Whitstable, yet again in the wind, rain and cold. My hair is flattened to my head, the children are screaming at each other, even the Basset hounds next door have gone inside.

"Holidaying in this country is a truly gruesome experience."

Her woes included too many chips, a disappointing trip to Santus Circus and awful weather.

One commenter said: "I'm from a Mediterranean country and even I have stopped complaining about British weather. If it's raining, you don't cycle. You get in a car or public transport and take the kids to a museum, an exhibition, a concert or the cinema."

Dawn Hudd, the council's assistant head of culture, said: "As thousands of happy visitors will testify, the town is blessed with above average sunshine and warmth.

"Whitstable has a unique charm and an array of attractions that make it a popular destination. Above all, it has a charming beach – which children love. And as Lucy Cavendish admits, the coastline is beautiful.

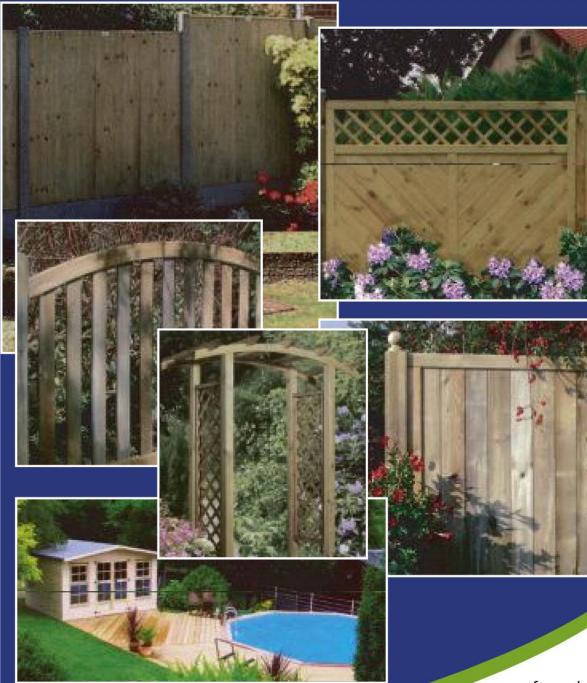
"The town itself has a buzzing cultural scene, lively pubs, restaurants and shops."

Hospice bumper draw

A SUMMER bumper lottery draw hosted by the Pilgrim's Hospice collected £72,000.

This was the Kent-based charity's first grand draw in more than four years. The first prize of £3,000 and second prize of £750 both went to winners in the Ashford area, with a third prize of £250 collected by a supporter in Thanet.

Shiralee Riddell, lottery manager, said: "I would like to thank everyone who took part in the draw. It has surpassed expectations shows the incredible level of support the local community gives us."



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Q & A

Reporter Jenny Armstrong talks to dance teacher Katie Marquis about summer school at the thriving Dance Warehouse, which has more than 600 students in Canterbury and Ashford

Q What goes on at the summer school?

A We have been running three weeks of summer school, including a week of classical ballet which was aimed at children from six years upward to about 12.

We had 28 children and put on a show at the end of the week, The Tales of Beatrix Potter. The week was based on that ballet, which was ideal for that age group, with all the animals and tails. They had a lovely time. We also had a musical theatre week with slightly older children, aged eight and upwards. Our eldest was 18. They did dance, drama and singing. They put on The Wiz, a modern version of The Wizard of Oz.

Q What happens at the master classes?

A Guest teachers come in who are professionals within the dance world. We had Francesca Filpi from the Royal Ballet Company, which was exciting for the students.

It was a chance for the students to see her. And a woman who used to be on the West End in Chicago and Cats, who came down to do some master classes. They do two-hour master classes on a particular dance style. We have ballet, tap, hip hop and contemporary, also singing and fitness fusion.

The children produce something at the end so they can show their parents. It's a chance for them to work with top professionals from

the dance world, and it's nice for them to have a different teacher from normal term time and be inspired by people who have been there and done it.

Q How did you become a dance teacher?

A I was a pupil at Dance Warehouse a long time ago. When the school opened I was a student and Alison, the principal, was my teacher then. When I was 16 I auditioned for the Royal Ballet School, got in and did my training there for three years. I danced professionally for a year with European Ballet, which was a touring company. Then Alison asked if I wanted to come back and teach – I've been here ever since. I'm into my ninth year of teaching here. It's gone very quickly.

Q Do you think the area is a good place for dance?

A It is, because there's an arts following here. There are lots of stage schools which are geared up to doing just shows and nothing else, but we call ourselves a dancing school because although we do a biannual summer show, we give pupils a good grounding in technique as well with their dance.

I'd like to think we're providing that. We've had a pupil get into White Lodge at the Royal Ballet School – she's 11 and going in September. One of our older boys has just got into the Arts Educational School in London.

That is musical theatre-based school. We do get people into the right places, which is rewarding. A lot of people come for fun as well.

Dance is good because not only is it exercise, it also provides coordination and confidence for the children. And they always make a new set of friends here as well.

Q Do you enjoy teaching?

A I love it. From the age of five, when I started dancing, I'd decided I wanted to dance professionally and I wanted to teach, and that was that. It's very rewarding.

It definitely keeps me on my toes, literally. I have variety with everything I teach.

Although we do a lot of work with ballet classes, because we do the shows the school has a nice mix for me to get involved in lots of different things. I mainly teach ballet, but also contemporary. At Dance Warehouse we have a bit of everything: ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, creative dance and drama as well.

Q What are you doing next?

A Next term we will be celebrating our 15th anniversary in Canterbury, which will be exciting. There are a few little charity shows we have been asked to take part in and we will be involved in the Canterbury Festival during October as well.

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Plenty left in the tank, says restoration team

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

HISTORIC tanks which dominated the battlefields of World War One could be restored to their former glory thanks to a revolutionary technique pioneered in Kent.

The Maidstone-based Military Vehicle Foundation hopes to rebuild four armoured vehicles in time for the 100th anniversary of the conflict in 2014, but must first raise £2.3 million.

Ashford's famous Mark IV tank, which currently stands as a registered war memorial in St George's Square, is one of the vehicles in line for a makeover.

Should the restoration cash be made available, skilled engineers at the charity will use a process known as annealing to strengthen steel which has become brittle with age.

Manager David Ridd said: "The problem is that if you went out and drove a World War One tank today, it would shake itself to pieces in a very short space of time."

"But we've come up with a process that allows us to reinvigorate, bend and shape the steel so that it lasts, because there's no point restoring tanks with old plates."

"Tanks are interesting in the sense that they give you an insight into exploring issues around war. When you're trying to engage people and teach them about 20th century history, they're really compelling tools."



ARMoured SUPPORT: Sharon Bowles MEP with Michael Gibb, of the Military Vehicle Foundation and Richard Smith, director of the Tank Museum (left), and Ashford's famous WWI Mark IV tank in St George's Square

Based in a workshop at Rugmer Hill Farm, Yalding, the Military Vehicle Foundation has been restoring old tanks, jeeps and more since 1997 and has been a charity since 2000.

It also gives young people and young offenders the opportunity to learn about engineering by offering work experience placements, and has a re-offending rate of just 3.7 per cent.

Mr Ridd said the foundation was working with war museums throughout Europe in an attempt to bring the tank restoration project to fruition.

He added: "The centenary of the start of World War One is going to be a major international event, and what we are looking at is restoring four tanks to full running condition.

"One is the Mark IV in Ashford and we also have two French tanks in bits in our workshop. We also want to restore a German LKII, of which only two prototypes were ever made."

Mr Ridd revealed the foundation hoped to secure grants from a range of European funding agencies, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, but added it was still "very early days".

South East MEP Sharon Bowles – chairwoman of the European Parliament's economic and monetary affairs committee – has already pledged her support.

She said: "There is enormous historic and cultural significance attached to these vehicles, which are some of the rarest examples of modern engineering in the world."

60 homes flooded by heavy downpour

FIREFIGHTERS had to be called when 60 houses were flooded in Herne Bay after heavy rainfall last Thursday.

Environment Agency officers helped firemen after 30mm of rain fell in the area in 24 hours. The organisation has deployed six incident response officers with five pumps to help out.

Crews had to pump water out of properties, mostly basement flats, in Central Parade and Mortimer Street.

The town was the worst affected in Kent, although Ramsgate and Ashford also needed emergency help.

Tim Connell, environment agency area operations delivery manager, said: "This is clearly an upsetting incident for the residents who have been affected. Because of the severity of the property flooding we decided to deploy staff with pumps to help the response effort."

The fire service has issued advice for those affected by the flooding:

- During a storm the emergency services will be very busy. Only call for immediate assistance if there is a risk to life or serious property or environmental damage.
- Make sure all electrical circuits are fully dried out and checked by an electrical engineer before switching back on.
- Do not attempt to walk through flooded areas.
- Look after neighbours who may be vulnerable.
- Keep an eye on weather reports and do not travel unless absolutely necessary.
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M20 barrier plan to end motorists Stack of troubles



MOTORWAY misery caused by Operation Stack could be reduced if plans to extend use of the moveable barrier get the go-ahead.

The barrier separates free-flowing traffic from lorries parked on the M20 but can only currently be used when phase one of Stack is implemented, affecting the stretch between Hythe and Cheriton, junctions 11 and 12.

However, Kent County Council wants it to be extended to cover phase two – between Maidstone East and Ashford, junctions 8 and 9 – to stop vehicles clogging the A20 when the motorway is closed.

The barrier keeps the M20 open by dividing the motorway to create parking space for lorries on one side and allowing other traffic to keep moving on the rest of the highway.

Operation Stack was last implemented over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend due to industrial action by ferry staff in France.

It is also used when there are problems with the Channel Tunnel or when severe weather causes cross-Channel service delays at the Port of Dover.

Cabinet member for highways Cllr Nick Chard said: "We know how important it is to keep traffic moving."

"Kent businesses lose money whenever Operation Stack is implemented and motorists suffer the knock-on effects from traffic spilling onto the county's roads."

Impact

"By working closely with other agencies and the cross-Channel operators we are seeking to minimise the impact of Stack. In future this will be better all round for Kent's travelling public."

Earlier this year, Kent Police Authority called for a long-term solution to Stack after revealing the bill for policing foreign drivers during 2008-09 cost taxpayers about £2 million.

The Federation of Small Businesses has estimated that blockades at Calais can cost the UK haulage industry £1m a day, and a further half a million daily due to delivery delays and traffic problems.

KCC is developing plans for a possible lorry park near Aldington as an alternative to Stack, but the proposals have been met with fierce opposition from residents.

KCC said it was continuing to explore ways of improving the way Stack is implemented, as well as to improve communications with the Port of Dover.

A Highways Agency official said: "We continue to work with KCC, Kent Police and other agencies to manage the impact of congestion caused by disruptions in service at the Port of Dover or the Channel Tunnel."

"We are looking at how we can contain more lorries during phase one of Stack so we can minimise the number of times phase two needs to be implemented."

EU protection extended to offshore sandbanks

MARINE habitats and species living around the Kent coast have been granted special protection under EU law.

Margate and Long Sands sandbank, which starts north of the Thanet coast and stretches to the outer reaches of the Thames Estuary, was named among 15 new Marine Protected Areas based on its importance for commercial fish species such as plaice and sole.

The sandbank acts as a nursery for fish and supports sand eel communities which are a food source for seabirds and mammals.

The outer Thames Estuary on the north Kent

coast has also been included as a special area of conservation, specifically as a protection area for birds.

Protection status allows limits on development, fishing, moorings and stops people removing marine life. These areas are among the first offshore habitats in the UK to gain protection under EU law.

Chris McMullan, marine and coastal seas specialist for Natural England, said: "Margate and Long Sands is an important area of sandbanks, which are important marine habitats.

"And the outer Thames Estuary is being des-

ignated because it is a major site for over-wintering red-throated divers. These are important sites and we welcome the contribution they make to environmental diversity."

The Government submitted the two sites to the European Commission to be included in the Natura 2000 network of protected areas.

Marine environment minister Richard Benyon said the sea needed as much protection as land.

"This is a major step forward in helping us to achieve clean, healthy and vibrant seas where marine life can thrive," he added.

Quota swap deal offers lifeline to fishing boats

FISHERMEN at risk of financial ruin have won a reprieve after industry chiefs allowed them to resume operations in the North Sea.

In July we revealed that stocks of sole and skate had already run out in the fishery, but following a successful campaign the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has increased the allocation of sole for owners of boats under ten metres.

However, the MMO also warned that supplies of sole, plaice, skate and ray are running dangerously low in the English Channel, and that fishermen may have to reduce their monthly catch if they want to survive the year.

South Thanet MP Laura Sandys welcomed the North Sea increase, which came as the result of swap negotiations with the Netherlands and Germany.

She said: "I'm thrilled our fishermen are now able to go back to sea following negotiations by fisheries minister Richard Benyon and his team with other EU countries to get extra quotas."

"This has illustrated how dysfunctional the current quota system is and how reform is so badly needed. The minister is committed to ensuring that reform will truly serve our under ten-metre boats in future. I know how difficult it has been for many of our fishermen, and how close some have come to bankruptcy."

Fishermen angry at the quotas staged a protest at Whitstable harbour in August.

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

Boat-owner Phil Edwards said at the time that although 95 per cent of the country's fishing fleet is made up of under ten-metre boats, they only have access to about four per cent of the total UK quota.

Last week he added that the low fish stocks in the Channel were partly due to the problem in the North Sea, which had caused fishermen to look elsewhere for their catch.

The two Channel fisheries affected – known as VIIId and VIIe – cover an area between Hythe Bay and the Isle of Wight, and the Isle of Wight and Cornwall respectively.

MMO chairman Chris Parry said: "Quotas are set annually by the European Commission and the MMO has the difficult task of ensuring stocks are managed throughout the year to maximise the fishing opportunities for the UK industry, while ensuring stocks are not overfished and the UK government and taxpayer do not have to pay steep penalties."

Meanwhile, containment areas restricting the movement of diseased oysters remain in place across the Swale, Thames and north Kent coast.

Officers from the Fish Health Inspectorate imposed the restrictions after an outbreak of herpes at a shellfish farm off Whitstable.

A spokesman said the containment areas would only be lifted once two inspections held 15 days apart concluded that no further oysters were dying.



BACK TO SEA: Owners of smaller fishing vessels have earned a reprieve after EU quota swap deal

'Politicismation of parenting' worries academic



Picture ANDREW PARSONS

A LEADING academic says David Cameron should get on with running the country instead of worrying too much about his new baby.

Dr Ellie Lee is a lecturer in social policy at the University of Kent.

She said parents were being overrun with advice on how to bring up their children and often it is simply not needed.

Mr Cameron has said he plans to take paternity leave to spend time with his new daughter and wife Samantha.

Dr Lee said: "I very much doubt he really is going to take time off to look after the baby."

"Pretty much anyone can look after a newborn baby, but not everyone can be Prime Minister."

"There is an oddness about this kind of discussion now. It is very predictable that he would say these kinds of things."

Florence Rose Endellion was born by caesarean section, weighing 6lb 1oz, while the Prime Minister and his wife were on holiday in Cornwall. Dr Lee said former PM Tony Blair was pictured on the steps of Downing Street in shirt sleeves telling the world he was an ordinary dad.

She added: "We are told if you are not a full-on involved father, then you are a bad father."

She said fatherhood had become politicised by what Mr Blair and, later, Gordon Brown did, adding: "Obviously, politicians can't then exempt themselves from the message they are putting out. My own view is that all this is very unfortunate. The politicisation of child-rearing hasn't helped families."

"I find it disturbing that as a culture we seem so blasé about what is happening to the way we discuss things between parents and children."

"People should be able to bring their children up in a way they see fit. We are always being told there is somebody else who knows best and we have to have a guru."

Dr Lee said families should be allowed to cope with the trials and tribulations of bringing up their children, complete with mistakes, so they can learn naturally.

It has been claimed Mr Cameron will be seeking the advice of a fatherhood expert, which Dr Lee frowns upon.

She said: "I don't know if he is, but this seems to be a message that Downing Street is putting out that this is what a good father does. I find this general trend very worrying."

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BREAK TIME

Small businesses work experience scheme extended for three months

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Audrey Songhurst, director of the university's enterprise and business development centre, said: "This scheme is proving very successful and we are delighted to be able to extend it until December so we can offer more graduates and businesses the mutually beneficial experience."

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Best ever year as pupils are celebrating excellent grades

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

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Canterbury High School scooped their best ever GCSE results as 95 per cent of Year 11 students achieved five or more GCSEs at grade C or above.

Last year only 87 per cent of students achieved the five pass grades, whereas this year 86 per cent achieved eight or more.

High scorers included David Button who notched up eight A*'s and four As and Keegan Goldsack-Marsh who got 10 A*'s and an A.

Chaucer School saw their fourth year of steady improvements with more than 36 per cent of students receiving five or more A* to C grades. There were notable successes among the younger years with one Year 8 pupil gaining an A* in a modern language.

Kings School had their second best year ever, with 99 per cent of all grades a C or higher. More than 78 per cent of grades were either A or A* compared with 73 per cent last year and four students achieved an impressive 12 A*'s apiece.

Simon Langton Girls' School

saw 99 per cent of their pupils achieve their five pass grades and 70 per cent of girls achieving at least five A* or A grades.

Full marks went to Alice Bates and Isobel Fray who notched up 11 A* passes, while Natalya Ellis, Charlotte Griffin and Miriam Rumpel each collected 10 A* passes.

Martin Franklin, deputy head teacher, said: "We are very pleased that not only do we have a group of exceptional students who gained all A*/A grades but the vast majority, 93 per cent

Proud

"These girls can feel really proud of their achievements."

Sixty-five per cent of students at St Anselm's Catholic school achieved five or more A*-C grades, the same as last year but 18 per cent more than four years ago in 2006.

"Fifty-one per cent of those grades included English and maths, compared with 46 per cent last year.

Top scorers included Bethany Dewey who got three A* and eight A grades and Cleril Cleetus who got two A*'s, five A's and a B.

The winning trend was echoed across Kent with 77.7 per cent of the county's students getting five A* to C grades, 8.6 per cent more than the national average and 4.7 per cent higher than 2009.



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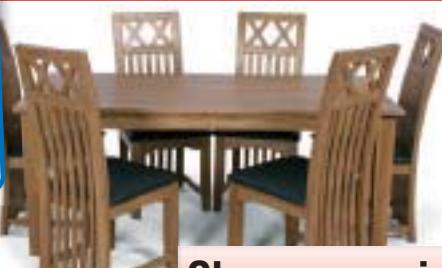
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Rescue charity's after change to dog breeding law

A MAJOR overhaul of animal laws is necessary to help banish Britain's stray dog problem, claims a Kent rescue charity.

David and Heidi Anderson, of the Dover-based Chancepixies, have launched a petition calling for a 'fit for breeding' legislation to regulate breeders of all levels and ensure they are not dumping their dogs when the going gets tough.

They claim the problem of stray dogs will be eradicated within ten years if the Government implements their idea, which has so far earned the backing of more than 500 people.

"There is legislation already in place to control farm animals and fishing, and to prevent you dumping your fridge or your car, so why not dogs?" said Mrs Anderson.

"Dogs, unlike children, do not grow up and become responsible for themselves. If you choose to bring puppies into the world, you must retain some responsibility throughout that dog's life."

According to a 2007 report commissioned by the RSPCA and the World Society for the Protection of Animals, only 30 per cent of European countries – including the UK – do not

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

enforce compulsory licensing for dog breeders.

And of the eight European countries deemed to have good stray control, all have legislation in place for the breeding and selling of pets.

The Andersons are also breeders of champion Dobermanns and say those willing to breed animals should also be willing to rescue them, too.

"If you won't rescue, don't breed," said Mrs Anderson. "It would be good to get people to realise there is a big difference between responsible and irresponsible breeders.

Legislation

"A responsible breeder should always take back a puppy, for whatever reason, throughout that dog's life, and always be there for help and support if needed. This change in legislation is needed to introduce a sensible solution."

"Thousands of people are admitted to hospital every year with dog-related injuries, millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is spent every year on stray dogs, and thousands are sitting



ACTION NEEDED: Heidi and David Anderson would like to see the Government tighten current breeding regulations alone, unwanted and abandoned."

Mrs Anderson added: "This legislation will also uncover the falsification of pedigrees that allows banned breeds to be re-introduced into the UK for fighting and intimidation of the public."

"This can all change if the breeding of dogs is controlled."

Just over 500 people have already signed the Andersons' petition, but they want 10,000 before it is submitted to Parliament.

• Visit www.chancepixies.com and click on the 'fit for breeding' tab to add your name.

Abandoned mum and pups highlight problem

POTENTIAL dog owners are being urged to think twice following an increase in the number of greyhounds being abandoned in Kent.

The appeal comes from the Rochester-based Greyhound Rescue West of England (GRWE), which took in and rehomed 763 dogs last year, compared to 513 in 2008.

But the worrying increase in dumped lurchers could swell that figure to as much as 1,000 this year, including greyhounds no longer wanted after their racing careers are over.

Kent regional homing officer Janet Lindsay highlighted the case of a saluki cross called Suri, spotted tied to a fence outside a dog pound weeks after giving birth. Two days later a box containing her eight puppies, all of which were in an appalling state of neglect, was dumped outside a nearby veterinary surgery.

All nine animals narrowly escaped being put to sleep and were instead placed into the care of the charity.

Mrs Lindsay said: "Both Suri and her pups are in a poor condition, suffering from sarcoptic mange which is so itchy it is causing them quite a bit of distress, leaving their skin broken and raw."

GRWE is run entirely by volunteers. Already overwhelmed with the number of dogs in kennels and foster care, and a growing waiting list, emergencies like this put further stress on a charity that relies solely on donations from the public to carry out its rescue and re-homing work. GRWE currently has about 80 dogs in its care, including 21 puppies. To offer a home to one of the dogs or to help the charity financially, visit www.grwe.com or call 07000 785 092.

Meanwhile, the Retired Greyhound Trust is also appealing for new owners as its kennels in Meopham, contain more than 40 dogs with nowhere to go.

Spokesman Ivor Stocker said: "Greyhounds make fantastic pets. When they leave the track they turn from speed machines into docile couch potatoes who love to loll around and get fussed over. All they want is a loving family or owner to look after them."

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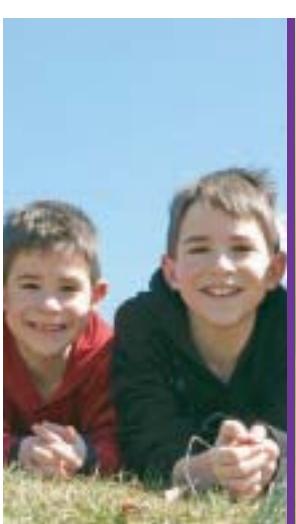
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Fascinated by city's rich Jewish heritage

I was interested to read your article last week about Canterbury's forgotten Jewish history.

It made fascinating reading and I find myself impored to look at my city with fresh eyes.

Well done Marcus Roberts for his efforts on his website.

J G Dawson, by email

EDITOR'S NOTE: The website can be seen by going to www.jtrails.org.uk/trails/canterbury

Green space is not to everyone's liking

The report last week concerning the proposal to install electricity generation equipment and build a café in a green space in the centre of Canterbury gives the misleading impression that this project has strong local support.

In fact, most of the residents in the area strongly oppose this scheme that promises to change the character of a conservation area, destroy the vestiges of the old mill and overwhelm the calm space that is Solly's Orchard.

Robin Joy, Canterbury



Good riddance to the happy clampers

Your report last week into the fears shared by some people over the clamping ban.

You suggest that the end of cowboy clampers will bring about a whole new spate of parking problems.

Well that maybe the case.

However, having witnessed the behaviour of many of these wheel clampers over the years makes me think anything is better than letting these Neanderthals have any position of power.

The real fear is what are these wheel clamping thugs going to do next? If they can't earn a living thieving cash from someone who parked on a private forecourt or empty former funpark (yes that

yourblogger

Florence Tennent offers the Prime Minister's new baby daughter some advice on her name...



SO, in case you missed several days of 24-hour rolling news coverage, PM David Cameron has named his new daughter Florence Rose Endellion Cameron.

Endellion after the Cornish village where the couple were holidaying when 6lbs 1oz Flo popped out a month early on August 24. No one seems to know why Rose, and the best guess for Florence so far is Mr Cameron's professed fondness for the band Florence and the Machine.

Being a Florriebunder myself I was asked what advice I could offer to our newest celebrity offspring.

My relationship with my name has been stormy to say the least, with a 13-year-old Flofie announcing to her bemused classmates that from now on they could call her Crystabel (that's how much I liked it).

Two main points had driven my teenage self to this point of nominal suicide. Firstly, there were two stock responses to the name, either an "Ooh, where's your lamp?", in reference to the ubiquitous Victorian nurse Florence Nightingale, or a chorus of The Magic Roundabout's discordant circus theme tune.

At the time I summed up the general perception of Flossie as 'Great Aunt Flo-ism'; Flo-jo hit the peak of its popularity in Victorian times and to most people Florencia was the name of a grandmother or other elderly relative. Unfortunately for me, this was particularly well portrayed by Little Britain, which ran

a skit featuring two cross-dressing 'ladies' Florence and Emily (Emily is my middle name, I kid you not).

The other problem with my name was the total lack of cool nicknames, the truly worst example being Flofie Wofie which amused my friends so much they kept it up well beyond its sell-by-date. Even Flo was an issue after giggling American kids informed me this usually referred to a woman's monthly.

But, dear Florence Cameron, don't despair. Your naming is proof that, as I have claimed for several years, Florence is coming back.

My first indication came when another Florence joined my school. I realised not only had I secretly enjoyed being the only Florence, but perhaps there were more Florences out there. The advent of Facebook confirmed my suspicions; hundreds of thousands of Flos signed up to a group called "So your name is Florence too?" and shared their nickname woes.

Government statistics backed us up when Florence crashed back into the charts in 2008 as the 94th most popular baby girl name in England and Wales.

Finally our big moment came when Florence and the Machine, a band fronted by the charismatic Florence Welch, dented the top 50 music charts in 2009. At last, a famous Florence we could be proud of.

Now the PM's got a Florence, I'll admit I was worried everyone was going to want one. But I'm proud I get to be one of the forerunners of the Florence comeback, making Flo cool for future generations. Welcome aboard Flossie C, we need all the help we can get.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the news editor, Gareth Arnold, on 01303 817025 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Canterbury blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk.

happened in Margate), then they will have to find some other way of making easy money.

I hear that the money lending business is going through a boom time, so there will be jobs there for these thugs and nightclubs and pubs are always going to need bouncers, sorry doormen.

But I also hear that in Medway they have two little Smart cars fitted with a CCTV camera that they use to film drivers who park on double yellow lines. Now that sounds like a perfect way to get easy money out of hard pressed motorists.

It seems the almost perfect job for the unemployed wheel clamer, easy money by picking on the unsuspecting. But they won't be able to throw their weight about because camera car drivers live in their little cars.

Traffic warden it is then.

Name and address withheld

Clamping best way to prevent illegal parking

I am sorry to see the end of wheel clamping, as you reported last week, and I genuinely fear there will be a new increase in illegal parking.

This government should think again.

Surely if it's my land and I don't want people to park their for whatever reason I should be allowed to enforce that. The only way this can be done is by

clamping. It's a deterrent that does work.

Jordan Tyneside, by email

Celebrations all round as pupils make the grade

SCHOOLS across the district are celebrating after record A-level results and a healthy number of the new top A* grades.

At St Edmund's Catholic High School for Girls every student achieved five GCSEs or equivalent.

Youngsters' GCSE success deserved

Well done all the youngsters who did so well (again) in their A-levels and GCSEs.

I think they should all be proud of themselves, it is an achievement and today's competitive school and work environment makes it all the more important for them to be congratulated.

Celia Jenkins, by email

GCSE results bode well for their future

I would just like to congratulate all the youngsters who have passed their exams.

This is an important time in their lives and decisions made now will help set them on the path to adulthood.

I was a teacher for more than 30

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Dean Headley, by email

Save our green and pleasant hedgerows

Hedgerows are one of the most iconic features of the English landscape and it's important we do everything we can to halt and reverse their loss and degradation. Our survey shows that the Hedgerows Regulations have made a positive difference, but it also makes clear that improvements can and should be made.

Local authorities, if given the opportunity, will protect these wonderful examples of our rural heritage. It's over a decade since the introduction of the Hedgerows Regulations and the time is ripe for the new Government to make improvements that will help local authorities better protect the great diversity of England's hedgerows.

Hedgerows are the vital stitching in the patchwork quilt of the English countryside. Some pre-date Agincourt and others bestride earth banks built over 4,000 years ago by Bronze Age Britons. They lend beauty and character to the landscape, and provide many environmental benefits, including important habitats for a wide range of wildlife species. It is a criminal offence to remove an important hedgerow, with fines of up to £5000. However, as management of hedgerows has declined, many are being lost not only to removal, but as they degenerate into lines of trees and shrubs.

Hedgerows are the most widespread semi-natural habitat in England. Over large parts of the lowlands they are the main surviving habitat of this kind and are critical to the existence of numerous plants and animals. They are particularly important within areas of intensive farming, and for the survival of widespread but declining species which are dependant on woodland edge, scrub or rough grassland habitats.

The Hedgerows Regulations are an effective means of protecting England's important hedgerows and with the right improvements they can be even better. As ready-made corridors for wildlife to move through the landscape, they should be a critical tool in the landscape-scale conservation of our natural environment that the new Government wants to see.

However, even with improved regulations alone will not do enough to protect our hedgerows for future generations. We also need Ministers to continue funding Environmental Stewardship schemes that give landowners an incentive to preserve ancient hedgerows. These could be put at risk if cuts to Government spending fall in the wrong place.

Emma Marrington, rural policy campaigner for Campaign to Protect Rural England



CHARITY DRIVE: Dave Lee Celebrity Golf Classic at Chart Hills on Sunday

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Friday night love story

A CONTEMPORARY love story is played out in Fourth Wall's new show, Friday Night Forever.

Playing out over three acts, the show boasts a variety of musical styles. The production can be seen at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone next Wednesday to Friday. Tickets cost £7.50.

To book call 01303 223925 or visit www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk.

Romance for writers

BUDGING authors can join Chantella Shaw for a creative writing workshop at Sandwich Library on Tuesday.

The workshop, which will have a romantic theme, starts at 2.30pm and admission is free, but places are limited. To book call 01304 613819.

Panto talent search

YOUNG performers can audition to be part of the Marlowe Theatre's pantomime, Robin Hood.

Boys and girls aged eight to 15 can audition at the Prince of Wales Youth Centre in Military Road, Canterbury at 11am on Sunday.

Successful candidates will be asked to stay behind. To find out more, email ali@evolution-productions.co.uk.

Gurkhas display at fair

GURKHA children and soldiers will give displays at the Grand Village Fair at Lympne village hall and playing fields on Sunday.

There will also be Nepalese food, sideshows, craft stalls, arena events, a children's funfair, majorettes, karate, a fancy dress competition and more. The event runs from 1pm to 4.30pm.

African choir concert

ENJOY the sounds of Africa with a special concert at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday.

David Fanshawe's African Sanctus will be performed by the National Combined Choir from USCT and ULT Schools. The concert will be in the Nave at 7.30pm.

To book tickets, visit www.african-sanctus2010.com.

Fureys star plays folk

CELTIC folk star Davey Arthur visits the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville next Monday and Tuesday.

As a member of The Fureys, Arthur is one of Ireland's best-loved musical exports. He will be joined by his son Patrick.

The concerts start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8. To book, call 01843 221791 or visit www.wegottickets.co.uk.

2 Tone returns at Ska festival

FOLKESTONE SKABOUR FESTIVAL

Friday, September 3 to Sunday, September 5
Various venues, Folkestone



DIG out your hats and shades and get ready to move those feet at the Folkestone Skabour Festival.

Across the three-day event, 14 bands and 13 DJs will be giving ska fans the chance to indulge in their favourite sound, with performances from some of the most exciting acts in the genre.

There will be two days of free music at the harbour and ticketed events in the evenings that will help to support the free entertainment. Rhoda Dakar will be among the DJs performing during the festival, alongside Tony B and Tone the Skin, Hot Bomb Hi-Fi, DJ Toast and more. Bands taking to the stages include The Beat, Arthur Kay and the Originals, Intensified, Simian Artillery, the Swinging Cats and the Scaredy Cats.

The festival is the vision of John 'Teflon' Sims, a graphic designer who worked with Jerry Dammers of the Specials to create the iconic imagery associated with the 2 Tone movement. His work will be on display in three venues in the town during the festival, which is the first Skabour event to be held in Folkestone.

Sims' exhibition of his designs, This ART 2-Tone, has been shown in Margate, Brighton and Coventry, known as the 'Holy Grail of 2-Tone', along with mini exhibitions in New York and London. When he considered bringing his art to his hometown of Folkestone, the idea of a music festival was born.

"Putting on the first of any music festival is always a journey into the unknown," Sims said. "The event is as much about supporting the Folkestone regeneration initiative as it is about the music."

"The town has fantastic potential as a festival venue, both for local people and those further afield, particularly now that with the high-speed train from London, Folkestone is the nearest coastal resort in terms of time from the capital."

"We want people to know what a great place this is, endorsed by the fact that it has been designated the 17th best seaside town in the UK in a survey published this month."

Along with the great music, other attractions include a ska market and the 'show and shine', an organised scooter ride-out around the town. It is hoped that up to 150 vintage scooters will take part in the ride-out, making an impressive sight as they cruise around the



ROCK STEADY: DJ Rhoda Dakar will be performing at the festival alongside Arthur Kay and the Originals

streets of Folkestone.

Judging by the initial reaction to news of a ska festival in Folkestone, Sims hopes that visitors will flock to the town to be a part of it.

"Once the word was out, we were overwhelmed with the response from ska bands, DJs, fans, scooter clubs and the general public," he said. "Folkestone Skabour will be THE ska music event on this year's calendar. Many of the gigs will be free to attend and the concept is to do this for love of the music, rather than the money."

The festival kicks off when The Beat plays at Quarterhouse on Friday, supported by Skatonics. Tickets cost £16. Arthur Kay and the Originals will perform at the same venue on Saturday night, with support from local band Intensified. Tickets cost £12 and can be booked by calling the box office on 01303 858500 or visiting www.quarterhouse.co.uk. For both concerts, doors open at 6.30pm.

For full festival listings and booking details, visit www.folkestoneskabourfestival.co.uk.



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The show features former Ivy Benson musician Simone Smith and her husband Chris, who has worked with Herb Miller,

brother of Glenn Miller. Sax player and singer Simone has played with a diverse range of artists include Paul Weller and John Williams, while Chris's compositions are often heard on Jazz FM and BBC Radio 2.

"I've been brought up with this style of music as my father played trombone for Frank Sinatra on his European tours," Mr Smith said. "It's great that there is a strong resurgence in jazz and swing music enjoyed by all generations."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are priced from £9. To book call 01227 281174.

**RAT PACK TRIO**

Saturday, September 4, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



JOIN the hottest party in town when the Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular rolls into town this weekend.

Featuring the 'purveyors of cool', the Rat Pack Trio, this glitzy and glamorous show transports audiences back to the glory days of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. Packed with classic songs that will get toes tapping and fingers clicking, the show pays tribute to the Rat Pack in timeless style.

Interspersed with lots of the trio's famous banter, the songs include Come Fly With Me,

Volare, Lady is a Tramp, Mack the Knife and many more favourite tunes.

The show has been delighting swing fans all over the world since 2002 and taking people back to a time when entertainment was classy and smooth. During the 50s and 60s, the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas was considered to be the coolest place to be seen when the Rat Pack were in town.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost from £16 to £20. To book, call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

CAROUSEL

Saturday, September 4 &
Sunday, September 5,
Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, Broadstairs



LOVE conquers all in the classic Rogers and Hammerstein musical, Carousel.

This uplifting musical can be seen at the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club this weekend and again on September 11 and 12, as Stardust Theatre Company presents a production of the show. Directed by Joe Hodges, the show boasts a full orchestra conducted by Myles Ratcliffe.

The musical features timeless songs such as If I Loved You, June is Bustin' Out All Over and You'll Never Walk Alone.

Tickets cost £9 for Sarah Thorne members and £11 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance. Family tickets cost £32/£40. To book, call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

**HOP FESTIVAL**

Saturday, September 4 & Sunday, September 5,
Faversham town centre



THOUSANDS of people will flock to Faversham this weekend for the annual Hop Festival.

Harking back to the days when hop-pickers would mark the end of the harvest with a big party, the popular festival is packed with music, dance and other entertainment. A wide variety of bands and musicians will be performing across three stages and anyone who would like to dance can kick up their heels at the Hoppers Ceilidh, held at the Alexander Centre in Preston Street at 8pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £7 in advance, £8 on the door or £20 for families of four, and advance tickets are available from Wendy's Bargain Books in Queen's Parade.

A Year in the Life of Faversham, a photographic project which records the life of the town, will be launched at the event and train enthusiasts can also get on track for a great day out. The Spitfire steam train will follow the hop-pickers' route by making a return trip through Kent from London Bridge. To find out more, call 01795 542285 or visit www.shepherdneame.co.uk. For festival listings visit www.thehopfestival.com.

DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS!

Saturday, September 4,
Gulbenkian Theatre, Maidstone



CHILDREN will be looking forward to the return of the school bus once they have seen Big Wooden Horse's live show.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! is full of feathery fun that is sure to captivate children aged three and above. For more than a year, the lively show has been entertaining young audiences in the UK and it has recently returned from a tour of the US and Canada. Bursting with fun and laughter, the show features plenty of audience participation and uses original music to help tell the story.

When the friendly bus driver leaves the audience to look after the bus while he is away, he has just one instruction for his new friends - 'Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!'. But the wily pigeon is determined to get his own way. So will the audience be able to withstand his whining, bribing, pleading and singing?

The show starts at 2pm and tickets cost £8 each or £35 for family and friends groups of five. To book, call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.gulbenkian.co.uk.





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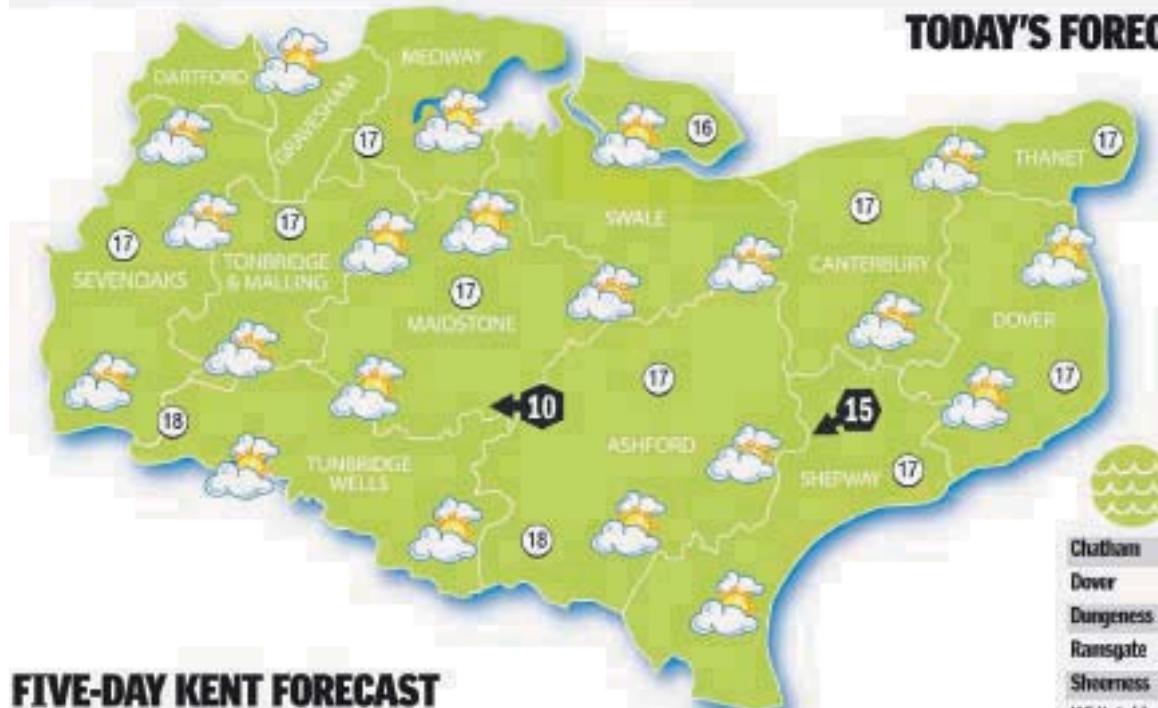
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Athens	31°C	New York	31°C
Barcelona	25°C	Paris	17°C
Beijing	30°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	26°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	36°C
Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	34°C
Gibraltar	25°C	Vancouver	17°C
Hong Kong	32°C	Warsaw	18°C
Las Palmas	32°C	Wellington	11°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Dover	Maidstone	Gravesend	Sevenoaks	Sheerness	Whitstable	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Ashford	18°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	17°C	9:00am-4.8m	10:27am-5.1m	9:06am-5.7m	8:55am-6.3m
Canterbury	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	7:42am-5.3m	9:06am-5.7m	7:32am-6.0m	8:56am-6.3m
Chatham	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	8:12am-4.0m	9:36am-4.3m	8:12am-4.0m	9:36am-4.3m
Dartford	19°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	8:48am-4.7m	10:15am-5.0m	8:55am-4.5m	10:22am-4.7m
Faversham	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm
Folkestone	17°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm
Ramsgate	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm
Rochester	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	17°C	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm	SUNRISE 6:07am	SUNSET 7:42pm
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KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	9:00am-4.8m	Sunday	10:27am-5.1m
Dover	Saturday	7:42am-5.3m	Sunday	9:06am-5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	7:32am-6.0m	Sunday	8:55am-6.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:12am-4.0m	Sunday	9:36am-4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:48am-4.7m	Sunday	10:15am-5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:55am-4.5m	Sunday	10:22am-4.7m



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Michael Cera Vs. the same geeky youngster role in a feel good film

ONE man's quest for love could result in a little more than a broken heart in Edgar Wright's video game-styled comedy based on the graphic novels by Bryan Lee O'Malley.

A blitzkrieg on the senses from the opening frames, *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World* will appeal to young, techno-savvy audiences who live through their joypads and remotes.

Sound effects produce elongated on screen captions like BEEEEEEEEEPP and when the characters fight, their blows land with a mighty THUD or KAPOW.

Editing is frenetic, though thankfully the action sequences don't reduce to an incomprehensible blur, complimented by a loud, rocking soundtrack.

Scott Pilgrim (Michael Cera) is the 22-year-old bass guitarist with the band Sex Bob-omb, which also includes guitarist Stephen Stills (Mark Webber), drummer Kim Pine (Alison Pill) and lifelong fan Young Neil (Johnny Simmons), who knows all of the band's songs and riffs by heart.

The eponymous strummer doesn't enjoy a roaring success with girls and to stave off the loneliness, he begins dating 17-year-old Chinese Catholic schoolgirl Knives Chau (Ellen Wong). Gay roommate Wallace Wells (Kieran Culkin) is horrified and immediately sends a text to Scott's sister Stacey (Anna Kendrick), who tries and fails to reason with her little brother.

Then Scott meets the girl of his dreams, Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), and is instantly smitten.

They share a night together and everything seems perfect, apart from the small matter that Scott has neglected to tell Knives he is going to dump her.

During Sex Bob-omb's first round performance at the Toronto International Battle of the Bands, Ramona's ex-boyfriend Matthew Patel (Satya Bhabha) challenges Scott to a duel to the death.



YOUNG LOVE: Michael Cera and Mary Elizabeth Winstead star in the latest teen romp that sees Cera playing exactly the same character he always does once again

"If we're going to date, you might have to defeat my seven evil exes," Ramona reveals.

So the plucky musician must face Lucas Lee, Todd Ingram, Roxy Richter, the Katayanagi Twin and record label supremo Gideon Graves.

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World is an entertaining romp with a snappy script littered with choice one-liners ("If your life had a face, I'd punch it!").

The stylised digital effects are very cute at

first like the little meter that appears on screen when Scott visits the toilet, and gradually empties as he relieves himself.

However, the bombardment lasts for almost two hours and by the end of the film we feel almost as exhausted as the characters.

Cera plays the same role, yet again, albeit with a bass guitar in his hand, and Winstead does her best not to crack a smile as the girl with a knack for dating bad guys.

Just like the end of a video game, when the

player gets a Continue? option to insert more coins, Wright's film concludes with a countdown to more potential adventures with Scott and the gang.

These two hours are sufficient.

SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD 
Certificate 12A



ALMOST OVER: Josie was the final winner of the regular Big Brother shows



YOUR TV REVIEW **BIG BROTHER:** Channel 4, 9pm

BIG Brother is finally over. Forever.

But in the pantomime world of reality television there is room for one last feeble cry of "Oh no it isn't!"

Big Brother is back, again, in a last hurrah for a genre that has become firmly embedded in the spirit of the early 21st century. Just when we were watching the final, prepared for this to be the last time we voyeuristically gawped at people we didn't know and didn't particularly like, Channel 4 decided we hadn't quite had enough.

This time addicts will only have to endure three weeks of what has been billed as Ultimate Big Brother. Housemates with celebrity status either of their own or dubiously daubed on them by the programme itself will battle it out in a televisual

goldfish bowl to be crowned the best contestant ever.

Despite being the epicentre of reality television, Ultimate Big Brother has a hint of unreality about it. People whose real lives have been massively affected by the show are back in one of the strangest situations imaginable.

The producers have sent in Chantelle and Preston with their typical amorality. For the uninitiated, the pair met on Big Brother, fell in love, got married and then divorced less than a year later.

Amongst the usual mix of neuroses Channel 4 has thrown everyone from the seemingly normal Ulrika Jonsson and 'Nasty' Nick Bateman, who can't be that bad really, to the likes of

Nikki "Who is she?" Grahame and multi-platinum rapper Coolio.

But despite this, at the end of an era, it all seems a bit different. Everyone seems stunned, as if the spell has finally broken and they have realised they are a strange bunch of people in a bizarrely decorated house where they have to do what they are told because they have a camera pointed at their heads.

So what have we learned from what started out as an Orwellian social experiment into human nature? That people will forfeit their dignity if promised fame and fortune. That, in an oppressive situation, people will conform. That people will watch anything.

And perhaps we have learned that, after three weeks of grace, reality TV will soon be dead. Hopefully we have learned it is time to move on.



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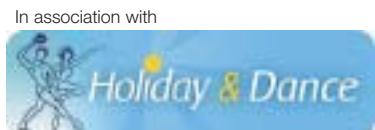
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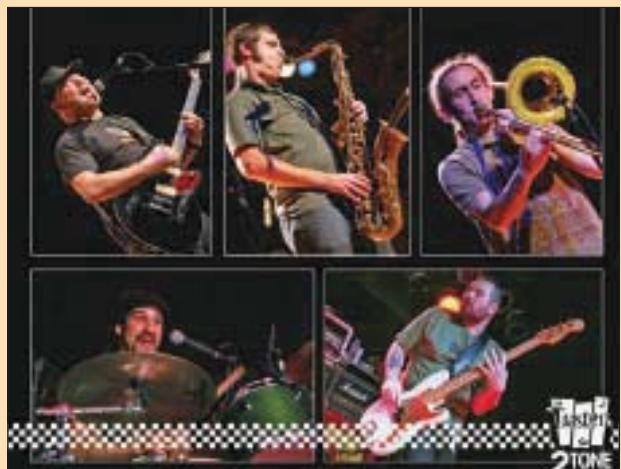
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Talent at The Forum



LEGENDARY: Three decades of great music arrive at The Forum this week

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SKA legends The Toasters will pop up at The Forum this Friday as part of the band's 200-date 2010 world tour.

The celebrated New York seven-piece – led by frontman Robert 'Bucket' Hingley – are thought to be the longest serving US ska outfit, having burst onto the scene in 1981 and stayed there ever since.

During their 29-year recording/touring career the band has released nine studio albums and played to sell-out crowds across the globe.

Despite enduring numerous line-up changes over the years, the band's raw, live energy remains the same.

Support on the night comes from Tyrannosaurus Alan, Broken Union and Run Leia Run.

Tickets cost £10 in advance and £12 on the night.

Forum bosses have lined up a whole host of talent to play at the Tunbridge Wells venue throughout the month, starting tonight (Wednesday) with Paint in Black, Blacklisted, Broken Teeth, Light-bringer and more.

Tomorrow sees Philadelphia Grand Jury, Sister Mantos, Goodluck Jonathan and Flexability perform.

Entry costs just £6 and is worth that alone to see Los Angeles-based electro prodigy Sister Mantos, aka Oscar Santos, take to the stage.

Sister Mantos wowed Kent crowds during an impromptu five-minute performance at the Lounge on the Farm two years ago with his wondrously unique one-man show.

Definitely worth a view.

Saturday sees The Ruskins, In Mono, Romanian Stray Dogs and Marathan play with Doors Alive, a The Doors tribute act, playing the following night.

New Device and MG and the Juggernauts will make Forum appearances on Monday, September 13, followed that week by Citay and The Naming of Things on Thursday, 16, and Off With Their Heads, Dissociates and Melchett, on Friday, 17.

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MUSIC FESTIVAL: A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm



BAND PRACTICE: Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Craig Sheridan - Times Change (from Deal)
- 2 Shelta - We Can Make It (from Bexley)
- 3 Ron Bowdery - The Return of Alfred E (from New Eltham)
- 4 Gristlebridge - Unbreakable (from Whitstable)
- 5 Stereohype - Invaders Must Die (from Deal)

Dogs, The Onlookers and The Deccas are next up on Saturday, September 25, with A Loss For Words, Not Advised, LYU and Loose Cannons rounding the month off on Thursday, September 30.

For more information on The Forum visit www.twforum.co.uk.



BREATHTAKING: The iceberg lagoon, Jokulsarlon, is an incredible – and wholly unspoilt – natural phenomena worth seeing

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The land of fire and ice, and breathtaking unspoilt beauty

■ BY DANIELLE DWYER

"ORDER the puffin", the waiter suggested politely as I dithered over the extensive menu on my first evening in Iceland.

I didn't have the guts – quite literally – so I stuck with the salmon, but I was the only one eating it in our group. The others indeed opted for smoked puffin – and gave it rave reviews. As for my fish, caught the very same day from a river running past the restaurant, it was perfect.

The adventurous menu marked the beginning of what was to be an action-packed four-day trip.

We took in spectacular glaciers, a bubbling volcano, tumbling waterfalls and rolling fields. The landscape is striking, albeit curious and bleak in places.

It is impossible to forget that Iceland – nicknamed the land of fire and ice – is a country of extremes.

Volcano enthusiasts can drive to Eyjafjallajokull from Reykjavik along Route 1 – a journey of roughly 70 miles. It is also possible to fly over the volcano as we did, an experience well worth an afternoon if weather conditions permit.

But there is so much more to Iceland than lava and ash.

Iceland, situated just south of the Arctic Circle, is home to a population of 300,000. Roughly half that number live in the capital, Reykjavik, and its neighbouring towns in the southwest.

Corrugated iron-clad buildings, many painted in pastel hues, lend a picture-postcard backdrop to Reykjavik – where Icelanders regularly party right through the night.

FACT FILE: ICELAND

Time difference - One hour (GMT)

Capital Reykjavik

Language Icelandic

Population 318,000

Currency Icelandic krona

Religion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Danielle Dwyer was a guest of Discover The World, which offers six-night self-drive holidays in Iceland year-round from £808 per person. The Arctic Edge package includes Icelandair flights ex-Heathrow, B&B hotel accommodation, including the luxury Hotel Ranga and car rental. Reservations: 01737 218 800 and www.discover-the-world.co.uk.



By day, the city's atmosphere is casual and relaxed, with a dress code to match. By night, the stilettos come out and the bar crawls commence, lasting into and beyond the early hours. But Reykjavik has more to offer than its vibrant nightlife.

In the daytime it is pretty and peaceful, with just enough bustle to create an atmosphere.

The capital is small enough to explore by foot, and wherever you are in the city, you are never far from a decent coffee and a spot to sit down and people-watch.

Reykjavik is also an ideal base from which to explore the rest of the country. About four buses leave the city each day for the Blue Lagoon, where you can share the locals' fondness for outdoor bathing by plunging into mineral-enriched waters at a breathtaking 38C.

The Jokulsarlon iceberg lagoon, on the south side of Vatnajokull, is a must-see.

The lagoon is a sprawling lake of glacial meltwater into which huge icebergs have floated, having broken away from the glacier.

The fact that such an inevitably popular spot has been left exactly as nature intended is striking.

Except for the unobtrusive boat that chugs through the lagoon, there is nothing. No fast food chain to cash in on the scores of tourists flocking through the area, no souvenir store, no ticket booth.

And the same can be said about hundreds of Iceland's natural wonders.

Our guide tells us that Icelanders want to keep it that way – unspoilt – and it is certainly worth a visit while they do.

MOTORS NEWS



Lexus gives IS facelift to take on rivals BMW

UNDERRATED in a sector dominated by BMW's 3-Series, the Lexus IS has had a major facelift.

Significantly, Toyota's luxury brand now also has more ammunition against BMW's big-selling 320d diesel version in the company car sector – the old IS220d makes way for the IS200d, offering cost/tax savings through better economy and emissions. Exterior styling has also been honed with new lights and a revised front grille, giving the car a sleeker look, with prices unchanged (from £24,350).



A1 option allowing you to downsize with style

AUDI'S eagerly awaited baby, the A1, now has a firm UK arrival date – November.

Prices will range from £13,145-18,280 and advance interest globally in this premium option to downsize, means Audi is already talking about upward revision of production targets.

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Two units will be petrol – the 1.2 TFSI, the 1.4 TFSI – plus be a 1.6 TDI diesel.



One final turn for rotary star as production ends

MAZDA has chosen to end UK sales of the innovative RX-8 rotary-engine sports car.

Less than 100 highly-specified R3 versions of the revolutionary four-seat/four-door coupé are left in UK stock.

The car was amazingly practical while the light and low slung rotary engine also made it a well-balanced and a popular drive, though some would-be buyers were wary of the engine technology.

Kent-based Mazda UK has priced the car at £25,540 for the run out, with tempting finance packages.



STILL 'BEARING' THE BRUNT: Fiat's much-maligned Panda is still the marvel it was seven years after its launch when it was awarded European Car of the Year status

Fiat shows its support for Panda conservation

EVEN on holiday in Greece I was being a car bore, asking the ex-pat manager of the car hire office what was his best little runner.

"The Fiat Panda, mate," he said, without hesitation. "Customers love 'em and they are bulletproof – despite everything thrown at them on the roads here."

Praise indeed on Kefalonia, the island famous for Captain Corelli's Mandolin, but more a setting for Charlie Cairoli and his Clowns judging by the driving standards and rugged terrain.

Back home, I borrowed a test car close to Greek car hire spec: the 1.1-litre Active Eco (£7,665) entry model, though it doesn't come with air con or even an option to have it – you must trade up to the 1.2 Dynamic Eco (£8,565) to get that as standard.

I have driven Pandas before, but always higher spec versions such as the 1.3-litre diesel and madcap 100HP hot hatch.

I found the entry car just as enjoyable though, despite its modest 54bhp, needing 15 seconds to haul the Panda to 62mph.

ROAD TEST FIAT PANDA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

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Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Of course, it looks spartan inside and I would want the split folding rear seats that come with dearer versions – to complement the van-like cargo options – but it still has electric front windows, CD sound system and two-speed power steering that allows easy parking.

Lightly-laden, the Panda can be firm and fidgety, but it a fun drive and an average of nearly 60mpg, group one insurance and trifling road tax – zero in year one – gives more to grin about.

And there's the car's triumph of ergonomics – a high-mounted gearshift beneath where the hand falls naturally off the steering wheel.

But the five-door Panda is compact, so rear legroom is not great and the boot is small when the seats are in place, but this city car is still a marvel seven years after launch, when it was European Car of the Year.

As our man on Kefalonia confirmed, it has a reputation for reliability too, helping to restore faith in Fiat after some dark days on the quality front.

There is talk the current car will be replaced next year, but don't be surprised if it's no more than a thorough facelift.

Remember... don't fix it, if it ain't broke.



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MATIZ, SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 27328 miles, £4641, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player split folding rear seats twin airbags remote central locking, red, 19000 miles, £2950, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

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PT CRUISER, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, silver, 36236 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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C1, 1.4, 2008, cd player central locking, electric windows, red, 50 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1 RHYTHM, 2008, cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking, tbc, 18995 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i SX, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows front fog lights twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls, tbc metallic, 9663 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth kit cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, ivy metallic, 5000 miles, £13500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 COOL, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, ice blue, 13599 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 2.0 EXCLUSIVE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking, silver, 14000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 2.2 30 (100) SWB, 2010, abs brakes diesel immobiliser power steering side load remote central locking, white, 2000 miles, £11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, new orange blues, 6387 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, white, 5307 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint, blue, 55 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 120 ELEGANZA, 2010, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body colour bumpers, bright silver, 13232 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CALIBER, 1.8 SXT, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint, leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, colour coded body, bright silver, 8512 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PANDA, ACTIVE, 2010, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer, silver, 10 miles, £6400, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PUNTO EVO, ACTIVE, 2010, cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, black, 6000 miles, £8500, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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STILO, 16V, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser, red, 55 miles, £8500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, FREEDOM, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, non standard, 35000 miles, £4500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FOCUS, TDCI GHIA (110), 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, new orange blues, 6387 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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MONDEO, 2.5, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser, silver, 55 miles, £25000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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PASSAGE, 1.6, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer, silver, 14 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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PROPERTY NEWS



EVOLVING: Planning rules change for our villages

Villages given chance to grow under new ruling

NEW planning rules could change the way Kent's villages grow and see them evolve in a different way, according to property consultants Smiths Gore.

The Community Right to Build proposals, which were outlined earlier this summer by the coalition Government, aim to give communities the power to develop new homes with greater autonomy, allowing them to proceed without a specific planning application.

This would still oblige them to meet minimum criteria for development to local authorities, which may include strong local support, meeting environmental targets and making sure it does not expand the size of the community too rapidly.

Steve Briggs, planner and partner at Smiths Gore, said the proposals should make things easier and may return Britons to the policy of bygone years, when villages evolved more or less naturally.

"One would like to think that, in the long term, the positives will see local people staying within their local communities rather than being forced to look for homes in urban areas on account of economics," he added.

Lure of being beside the sea is on the increase

THE UK is seeing increased demand for coastal housing, according to Waterside Properties.

Peter Halliday, managing director of Waterside Properties, said the south of England has some "excellent options" for househunters who long to be by the sea. "Most of the people that buy are buying for a lifestyle move; they are selling up their family home and moving down to the coast," he said. "That is still happening in reasonable numbers."

Mr Halliday went on to say that while properties by the coast tend to attract higher prices, they are still subject to the same forces of supply and demand and have neither risen nor fallen substantially in value in the past two years.



WARMING TO THE IDEA: Having an energy-efficient home does not necessarily mean having to spend a lot of money and can be a massive benefit when the time comes to sell

Benefits of an eco-friendly property are hitting home

HOMEOWNERS are becoming more environmentally aware and this is being reflected in the purchases they are making, according to a leading manufacturer of kitchen products.

Also new research has found that to ensure a house is as energy efficient as possible does not mean spending large amounts of cash.

And experts say the long-term benefits can be huge in the shape of lower-energy bills as more heat is retained inside the home.

Alison Coleman, marketing manager for Magnet, was speaking after the company launched its range of ECO worktops, which are made from recycled and eco-friendly materials.

The worktops are composed of "recycled consumer waste such as mirror, porcelain sinks,

■ BY NICK AMES

baths and tiles, and from industrial waste such as ash from power plants and stone scrap from quarries and workshops," she said.

Santander Mortgages reported that first-time buyers spend an average of £3,782 on kitting out their new homes.

Some 43 per cent of first-time buyers spend their first £1,000 on sofas and armchairs, followed by beds and kitchen appliances.

However, around half a million choose pleasure over practicality, putting a large proportion of their cash towards a house-warming party.

There are also a number of quick and easy ways for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their properties, which may in turn make them more attractive to buyers in the future.

Gordon Miller, sustainability and communications director of Sustain, said proper insulation does not cost much and is supported by government grants.

"Before you even think about trying to generate electricity or hot water, make sure that the home is properly insulated," he commented.

For buyers, purchasing an eco-friendly home will not necessarily cost any more than it would to buy a conventional home, Mr Miller added.

Last month, the Energy Technologies Institute revealed a new £3 million project to design a supply chain solution to improve the energy efficiency of the 26 million homes still expected to be in use by 2050. The project includes identifying ways existing properties can be retrofitted and stimulating demand for eco-friendly housing.

All these improvements can help to keep heat inside the four walls during cold snaps – meaning lower bills.

Construction industry suffering from economic downturn

A RECENT drop-off in construction orders is bad news for the industry according to the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), after surveyors reported a fall in total construction workloads.

Figures from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors found

public housing and other municipal works were the worst-affected sectors, probably as a result of cuts in government spending.

Additionally, the latest Markit/CIPS Construction Purchasing Managers' Index shows UK construction activity

slowed to its weakest level in four months in July.

"Sadly, none of this is a total surprise as it reflects the feedback we have been getting from our members about the building industry suffering because there is less government money avail-

able for capital projects," said Brian Berry, director of external affairs at the FMB.

However, he went on to say the Government's Green Deal, which will see 26 million homes retrofitted, could potentially offer new job opportunities for builders.

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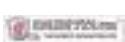
Canterbury OIEO £350,000
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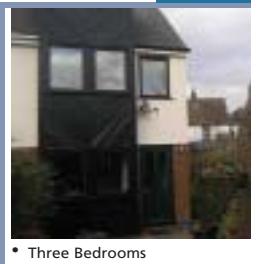
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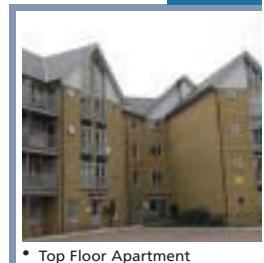
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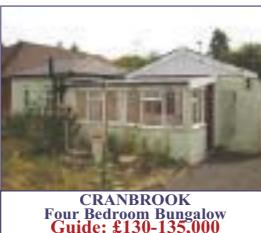
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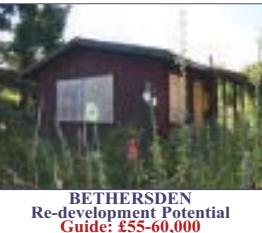
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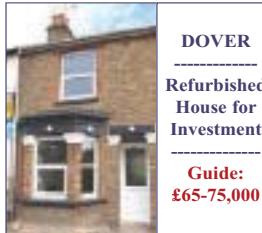
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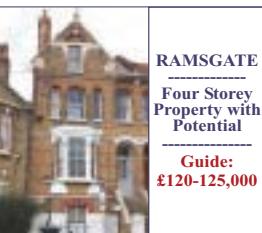
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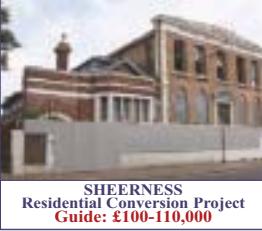
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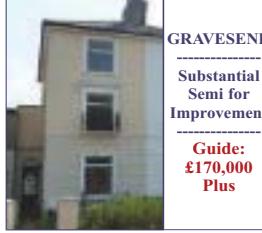
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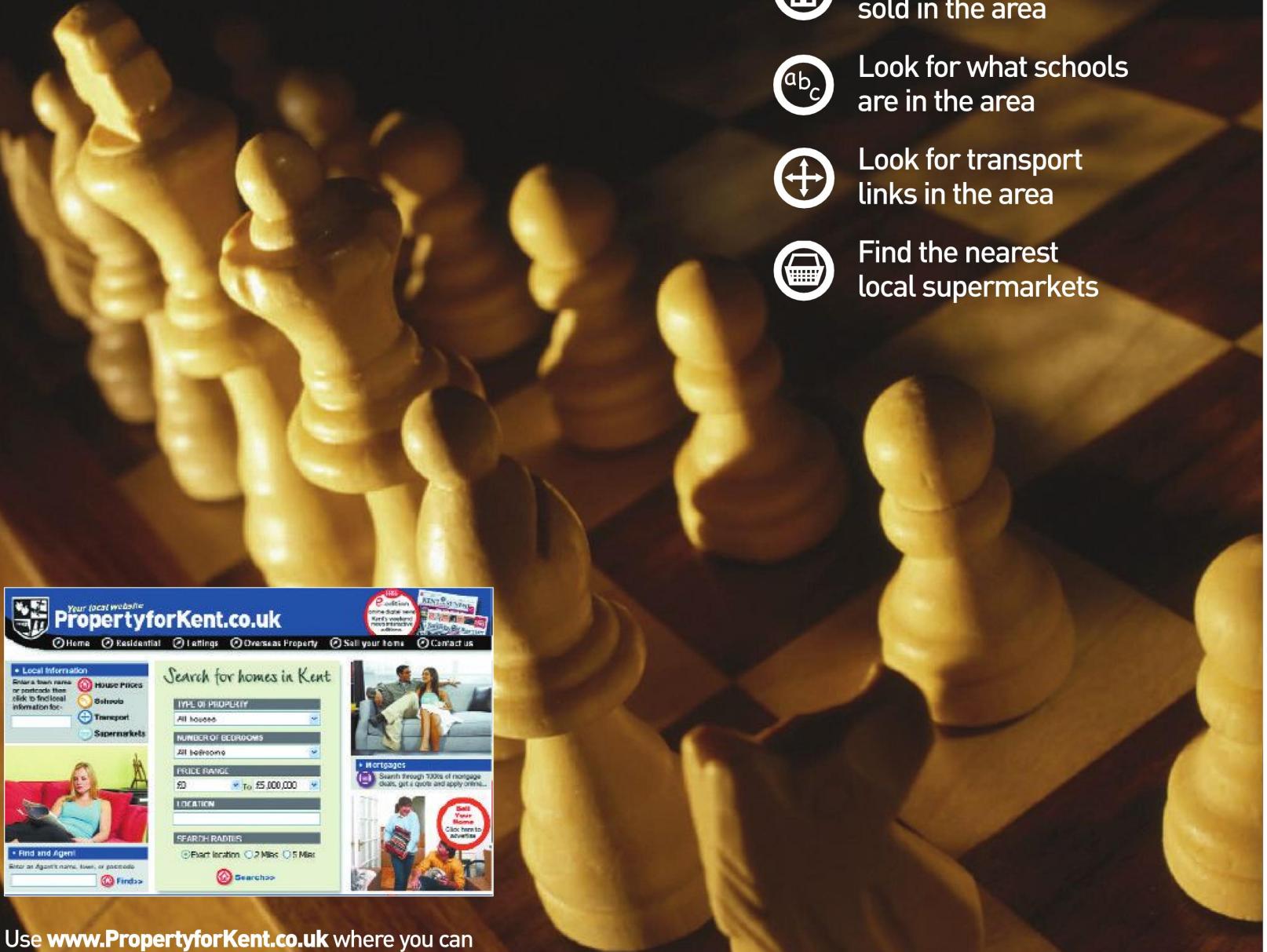
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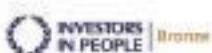
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Kent League Division One

Canterbury 1st XI v Whitstable 1st XI

SOLID batting at the start of Canterbury's innings paved the way for a winning draw against Whitstable at Polo Farm on Saturday.

The result, coupled with Hythe's tie at Sandwich Town, ensured both Canterbury and Whitstable will be playing in Division One next season with one game to spare.

The home side were put into bat after Whitstable skipper Ben Trott won the toss. They made a decent start, with openers Neil Kimberley (29) and Luke Samarasinghe (32) both in good touch.

After they departed Paul Steer picked up the initiative, going on to make the highest score of the match with 54 before he was caught off Trott's bowling. Simon Smith's 25 was also useful, pushing Canterbury's total to a competitive 178 for 6.

Sean French (2 for 22) and Max Campbell (2 for 37) were the pick of Whitstable's attack.

The visitors' reply began with Jamie Watkins caught after adding just a single to the total. Campbell (24) and Seth Simmons (34) steadied the ship, but Justin Macvicar and Ben Cooper took two wickets apiece to leave Whitstable wobbling.

James Medhurst responded with a gutsy 32 not out, but lacked the support from the tail to allow a serious attempt at winning the game. They did at least manage to avoid defeat, frustrating the Canterbury attack, which needed just one more wicket for outright victory.

Rivals set to stay up after winning draw



FRUSTRATED: Canterbury's bowlers were one wicket short of securing outright victory against Whitstable

SCORE CARD**Canterbury 1st XI**

	Runs
Neil Kimberley c&b Simmons	29
Luke Samarasinghe b Campbell	32
Paul Steer ct Medhurst b Trott	54
Phil Walker ct Draper b Campbell	3
Simon Smith ct Draper b French	25
Ryan Minter ct Gould b French	8
Stuart Drakeley not out	8
Justin Macvicar not out	10
Josh Staunton did not bat	
Tim Wren did not bat	
Ben Cooper did not bat	
Extras (5b 1lb 1w 2nb)	9
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs)	178

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Sean French	10	2	22	2
Ben Trott	14	2	51	1
Max Campbell	15	3	37	2
Josh Gould	2	0	9	0
Seth Simmons	9	1	53	1

Whitstable 1st XI

	Runs
Max Campbell c&b Macvicar	24
Jamie Watkins ct Smith b Wren	1
Seth Simmons c&b Macvicar	34
David Draper ct Walker b Cooper	3
Byron Gould lbw b Cooper	9
James Medhurst not out	32
Jack Crouch b Macvicar	1
Sean French b Macvicar	2
Elliot Lewis b Wren	8
Ben Trott ct Samarasinghe b Minter	12
Josh Gould not out	0
Extras (5b 7lb 7w 1nb)	20
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	146

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ryan Minter	9	2	29	1
Tim Wren	15	6	16	2
Justin Macvicar	11	1	48	4
Ben Cooper	15	1	41	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP**KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER**

Nonington 1st XI v Belvedere 1st XI

PROMOTION is one game away for Nonington after they beat Belvedere by six wickets to hold on to second place.

An excellent bowling display set up the win as Belvedere's batsmen struggled, scoring at just over two runs an over. Ross Griggs took 5 for 26 as the visitors were all out for 95.

Nonington's openers departed cheaply, but Kieron Burgett's 46 not out ensured there was no hiccup. Daniel Birch was also at the crease as victory arrived in the 22nd over.

Victory in the final game of the season on Saturday will secure promotion.

Belvedere 1st XI

	Runs
Keith Crabb c&b Griggs	4
Stuart Gamester lbw b Knowles	6
Benjamin Loder lbw b Griggs	16
Nick Lawler b Tutton	1
Martin Gamester b Griggs	16
Kyle Rashid ct Sadler b Griggs	16
Steven Lawrence b Tutton	2
Joe Enever ct Charlton b Tutton	10
Ryan Evariste b Griggs	1
Kieran Thomas c&b Birch	1
Adam Thomas not out	2
Extras (1lb 1lb 3w 5nb)	20
Total (all out, 41.5 overs)	95

Nonington 1st XI

	Runs
Rob Paton ct Enever b Evariste	2
Daniel Pilbeam lbw b Evariste	6
Kieran Burgett not out	46
James Sadler ct Lawrence b Rashid	15
Josh Cole lbw b Thomas	0
Daniel Birch not out	12
Nathan Charlton did not bat	
Rob Paton did not bat	
Carl Knowles did not bat	
Ross Griggs did not bat	
Josh Tutton did not bat	
Extras (4b 1lb 10w 2nb)	17
Total (4 wickets, 21.1 overs)	98

Nonington 1st XI

	Runs
Steven Lawrence 7	2
Ryan Evariste 4	1
Benjamin Loder 2	0
Kieran Thomas 3	0
Kyle Rashid 2	0
Adam Thomas 2	0
Joe Enever 11	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**2nd XI****OD CUACO 2nd XI v Chestfield 2nd XI**

A DREADFUL batting display saw Chestfield blow their chance to secure their Division Three status with one game remaining.

The nine-wicket defeat to basement side OD CUACO left Steven Murray's men just four points above the drop zone ahead of this weekend's season finale.

A catastrophic batting collapse set up the defeat, with Chestfield's final eight wickets falling for just 16 runs as the visitors were all out for 67.

The home side, who had won just once all season, made the most of the gift and took less than 24 overs to secure victory.

Chestfield 2nd XI

	Runs
Sean Whittam b Carp	1
Harrison Wells run out	4
Ian Attenborough c&b Clapp	13
Alan Henry ct Balasubramanian b Clapp	26
Brian Moody-Smith ct Webster b Clapp	0
Keith Waters ct Sanjeewa b Balasubramanian	1
Daniel James st Newell b Balasubramanian	4
Brett Marshall not out	3
Aaron Ferris ct Wijayaratnam b Balasubramanian	0
Steven Murray ct Newell b Webster	1
Patrick Knowles ct Clapp b Balasubramanian	1
Extras (3b 2lb 8w)	13
Total (all out, 36.5 overs)	67

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Siva Sivarajan 8	3	20	0	
Sam Carp 4	1	9	1	
Rowan Clapp 7	1	16	3	
Vidhyesh Balasubramanian 11.5	6	10	4	
Daniel Webster 6	3	7	1	
Extras (2lb 2lb 8w)	13			
Total (all out, 40 overs)	97			

OD CUACO 2nd XI

	Runs
David Fox ct Murray b Knowles	9
Daniel Webster not out	29
Dan Sanjeewa not out	22
Vidhyesh Balasubramanian did not bat	
Sam Carp did not bat	
Siva Sivarajan did not bat	
Nick Cobel did not bat	
Tony Webster did not bat	
Rowan Clapp did not bat	
Dilrukshan Wijayaratnam did not bat	
Russell Newell did not bat	
Extras (2lb 5w 1nb)	8
Total (1 wickets, 23.4 overs)	68

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Brian Moody-Smith 9	3	25	0	
Patrick Knowles 9	2	23	1	
Brett Marshall 3	1	12	0	
Alan Henry 2.4	1	6	0	

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST**Canterbury 3rd XI v Preston & Elmstone 1st XI**

CANTERBURY 3rds remain on course for the 1B East title after an eight-wicket victory against relegation-threatened Preston & Elmstone.

Tidy bowling ensured it would be a comfortable afternoon for the home side. The visitors won the toss but were under pressure from the beginning and apart from Martin Green (31) none of their batsmen impressed.

Only James Askham missed out on taking a wicket, with the rest of the attack returning excellent figures.

Canterbury's openers departed cheaply, but an unbroken third wicket stand between Sam Burt and skipper Mike Burnett guided them home.

Preston & Elmstone 1st XI

	Runs
Tom Rose ct Rose b Minter	6
James Sampson b Minter	31
Sam Burt st Lamyman b Mitchell	11
Mike Burnett b Gardner	14
Mark Lithgow ct Askham b Mitchell	3
Paul Cork ct Gardner b Mitchell	1
Jason Cork ct Hammond b Rose	10
Tom Rose run out	1
b Rose	8
Callum Morgan ct Burnett b Gardner	0
Jacob Smyth not out	0
Extras (2lb 2lb 7w 1nb)	12
Total (all out, 40 overs)	97

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Trevor Minter 12	4	18	2	
James Askham 6	0	27	0	
Tony Mitchell 12	4	20	3	
Charles Gardner 8	1	19	2	
Tom Rose 2	0	9	2	
Extras (2lb 1w)	12			
Total (20.2 overs)	39			

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Paul Cork 4	1	14	0	
Jason Cork 4	0	22	2	
Jerry Weavill 5	1	13	0	
Adam Cork 4	0	25	0	
Andrew Castle 2	0	4	0	
Mark Lithgow 1.5	0	18	0	

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1C EAST**Littlebourne 3rd XI v Minster 1st XI**

STRUGGLING Littlebourne 3rds' meeting with promotion-bound Minster (Thanet) went to form as the home side were thrashed by eight wickets.

Littlebourne captain Julian Vaughan must have immediately regretted opting to bat after winning the toss as the home side's batsmen were mowed down by Minster's attack. Kieran Russell was the top scorer with just 11 in a total of 39 not out.

Shaun Brice and Michael Flockhart took wickets in Minster's reply, but it did little to hamper the visitors. Victory was sealed in only the 13th over.

Littlebourne 3rd XI

	Runs

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Kennedy moves to dispel club exodus fears as Khan departs

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT chairman George Kennedy has strongly denied reports that it is "open season" on the club's contracted players after the county's financial plight dictated the release of fast bowler Amjad Khan.

Reports over the weekend indicated the club were prepared to listen to offers from other counties for their contracted players, but Kennedy has denied that is the case and expects those that signed deals at the end of last season will stay with Kent.

Nervous

"The reports are absolute rubbish and I've been taking calls on this all weekend," he said. "All the players that are under contract are under contract and we have had no formal request from any player saying they want to go."

"I do understand when a big player does go then it can make a few a little nervous, but the situation with that is we could not go further into debt by hanging on to a player, and that's unfortunate."

Rob Key, Martin van Jaarsveld, Geraint Jones and Darren Stevens signed contract extensions towards the end of last summer to stay at Kent.

They would certainly attract interest from other counties, but as far as the club are concerned they are under contract and none of the players have expressed a desire to leave.



NO EXIT: George Kennedy (right) says Amjad Khan's (left) departure is not a signal for under contract players to leave the club

Kennedy added: "We are not getting rid of anyone. If someone comes along and says they absolutely don't want to play for Kent then that's a different matter entirely, but that has not been the case at the moment."

"I do understand how it works though, they are young men and they want to earn as much money as they can, but as far I am concerned they are under contract and that's that."

The news comes on the back of the club being forced to release Khan from his contract without having offered a new deal due to financial pressures.

It's understood the Danish-born fast bowler will now sign for Sussex in the next couple of weeks, but the 29-year-old was keen to point out that his wish was to remain at Kent.



Pictures ADY KERRY

Khan said: "Ideally, I would have liked to have continued my career with Kent but it is not to be. I sympathise with Kent's off-field financial pressures and know that the key people wanted me to stay."

"I look forward to new challenges with renewed vigour and believe I have what it takes to put myself back in the England frame."

Kent chief executive Jamie Clifford added: "Amjad has been with the club for nine seasons and we are sorry to see him leave. These are financially difficult times for the club and sadly we are not in a position to make Amjad a meaningful offer."

"This has been a hard decision. However, we believe that it is the right one given the financial context."

FOOTBALL



CUP PROGRESS: Gareth Cornhill scored for Whitstable

Oystermen cruise into next round of FA Cup

Whitstable 3 Croydon 0

AN EARLY goal from Stuart Vahid provided the launch pad for a comfortable victory as Whitstable Town booked their place in the FA Cup's first qualifying round.

The striker added another midway through the first-half and Gareth Cornhill completed the scoring after the break. After losing their first two league games of the season, the result belatedly got the Oystermen's season up and running.

Whitstable started as favourites at home to Croydon, who play a division below them in the pyramid. They made a flying start and were ahead after only three minutes, when Vahid poked home from close range.

They doubled their lead on 26 minutes when Vahid flicked in Cornhill's free-kick.

The result was put beyond doubt in the second-half when Cornhill converted substitute Scott Heard's cross.

Visit www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for a report and reaction from the Bank Holiday clash with Faversham Town. The Oystermen visit Horsham YMCA in Ryman South on Saturday.

King goals enough for a solitary point

FOOTBALL

Lordswood 2 Herne Bay 2

STUART King maintained his superb start to the season but his two goals could only net a point for Herne Bay at Lordswood.

The striker scored at either end of the 90 minutes to make it four goals in as many games, but in between the home side struck twice as ex-Bay boss Jason Lillis returned to frustrate his former employers.

Despite trailing with six minutes remaining, Bay manager Simon Halsey was not happy to leave Martyn Grove with just a point.

He said: "It's definitely two points dropped, without a doubt. If we have ambitions about winning the league we should be winning at Lordswood."

"I think we scored too early. We started off well and the boys thought it was going to be a rout."

With most Kent League sides still in FA Cup action on Saturday, the trip to Lordswood provided Bay with a chance to take advantage. Halsey handed debuts to goalkeeper Steve Northwood and defender Toby Ashmore, who both arrived last week.



Picture GOR KUPO

DOUBLE: Stuart King kept Bay level

There was just three minutes on the clock when Bay opened the scoring. Rhys Lawson miscontrolled after being sent through one-on-one, but the ball ricocheted off the goalkeeper straight to King, who tapped into the empty net.

Lordswood levelled within five minutes, when Bay failed to clear a simple cross, allowing Peter Huggens to score. The hosts led at the break thanks to a free-kick from Matt McHugh which deceived Northwood.

Bay dominated the second-half but had to wait until the 84th minute for King to level the scores with a header.

Deal Town visit Winch's Field tonight, kick-off 7.45pm.

City pay the penalty for rash challenges

FOOTBALL

Rusthall 3 Canterbury City 2

A BRACE of penalties saw Canterbury City leave early County League leaders Rusthall with nothing despite dominating the game for long spells.

Ben Smith scored twice to give the visitors a lead at the break, but Rusthall struck twice from the spot in the second-half to claim victory.

The hosts began brightly and went ahead on seven minutes when Joe Cameron headed in at a corner.

Falling behind stung City into action and the rest of the half belonged to them as they peppered the Rusthall goal.

They levelled after 15 minutes when Royston Gough was bundled over in the box and Smith thumped home from 12 yards.

Within ten minutes they were ahead. Gough was fouled again, this time on the edge of the box, and Smith smashed home the free-kick into the top corner.

Gough hit the post just before the break, but after the interval Rusthall improved and



LUCKLESS: City lost at Rusthall

equalised on 65 minutes from the penalty spot.

The hosts won and converted another spot-kick 15 minutes from time, but City felt Mark Pollard had been shoved over before he handled the ball.

Paul Murray's side could not find a way back into the game and slipped to 11th in the early table.

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